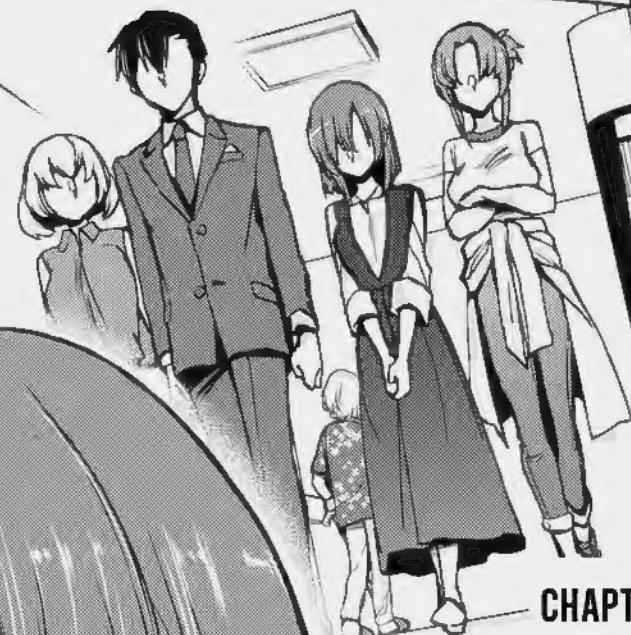


IT'S
BEEN TWO
YEARS SINCE
POLARIS CAME
TO THE
VILLAGE...



CHAPTER 3

HOW
CAN WE
GET THE
VILLAGE...

BACK
TO ITS
NORMAL CALM
WAY OF
LIFE...?



IF
ONLY THERE
WAS SOME QUIET
LAND WHERE THEY
COULD LIVE ON
THEIR OWN IN
PEACE...

I
WISH
POLARIS
WOULD
JUST GO
SOMEWHERE
ELSE.

BUT
I GUESS
THEY HAVE
NOWHERE
ELSE TO
GO.

...SO
CRUEL...

DRIVING
THEM AWAY
TO SUCH A
REMOTE AREA
AND ASKING
THEM TO START
A WHOLE NEW
LIFE FROM
SCRATCH
WOULD
BE...

THE
ONLY UN-
DEVELOPED
LAND LIKE THAT
IN MODERN JAPAN
IS DEEP IN THE
MOUNTAINS
OR IN THE
WILDERNESS
WAY UP
NORTH,
RIGHT?

THAT'S
NOT VERY
REALISTIC.

ka-thunk

...beep...

THERE'S
NO WAY TO
GET ALONG IF WE
CAN'T TALK TO
EACH OTHER,
IS THERE?

I
THOUGHT...

THAT
POLARIS
WOULD BE
A LITTLE MORE
WILLING TO
MEET US
HALFWAY...

IF WE
COULD SHARE
OUR LIFE STORIES
WITH ONE ANOTHER,
DON'T YOU THINK
EVERYONE WOULD
WANT TO HELP
EACH OTHER
OUT?

...HOW
POLARIS
MUST
FEEL...

...CAN
KIND OF
UNDER-
STAND...

...RENA...



PLUS...
TALKING
ABOUT IT
MEANS
BRINGING
TO MIND
MEMORIES OF
THINGS YOU'D
RATHER NOT
REMEMBER.

LIKE
BEING FORCED
TO PULL OUT
SOMETHING
PAINFUL
THAT'S BEEN
LOCKED AWAY IN
YOUR HEART
FOREVER...

THAT'S
HOW IT
FEELS...



IT'S
TERRIFYING
TO THINK YOU
MIGHT GET
REJECTED
AFTER
SPEAKING
UP ABOUT
IT...

IT'S NOT
THE SORT
OF THING
YOU CAN
JUST TALK
TO ANYONE
ABOUT...

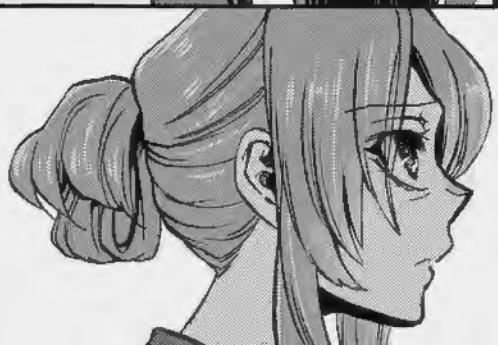
OPENING
UP ABOUT
YOUR
PAINFUL
PAST
REQUIRES
A LOT OF
COURAGE.



IT'S
NO SIMPLE
TASK.

...IT'S
THE
SAME FOR
EVERYBODY.

AND
I'M
SURE...







THAT'S
JUST USING
PEER PRESSURE
TO MAKE PEOPLE
FOLLOW THE
VOICE OF THE
MAJORITY.

...PLUS,

CONSIDERING
POLARIS HAS PRETTY
MUCH AS MANY PEOPLE
AS THE REST OF
THE VILLAGE, THAT
ARGUMENT DOESN'T
EVEN HOLD
WATER.

DO
AS THE
LOCALS DO
IS NOTHING BUT
A ONE-SIDED
IMPOSITION IN
THE FIRST
PLACE.





THIS IS
HAPPENING
ALL OVER THE
WORLD.

THIS
IS JUST
HINAMIZAWA'S
VERSION OF AN
IMMIGRATION
CONFLICT.



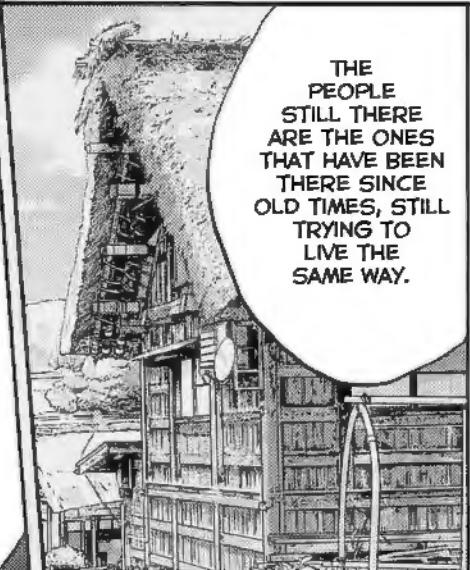
THOUGH
THEY DO
STILL TURN
UP FOR THE
FESTIVAL, THEY
DON'T LIVE IN
THE VILLAGE
PROPER...

THE
YOUNG HAVE
MOVED AWAY
TO MORE
CONVENIENT
PLACES TO
LIVE.

JAPAN'S
BEEN DEALING
WITH THE DECLINING
BIRTH RATE, AND
HINAMIZAWA HAS
BEEN DECLINING
TOO...



IF
WE HADN'T
ACCEPTED POLARIS,
HINAMIZAWA WOULD'VE
BECOME A MARGINAL
VILLAGE AND DIED
OUT SOONER
OR LATER...



THE
PEOPLE
STILL THERE
ARE THE ONES
THAT HAVE BEEN
THERE SINCE
OLD TIMES, STILL
TRYING TO
LIVE THE
SAME WAY.

YOU
MENTIONED
THAT
EARLIER.

INDEED....

CABBAGES
87 YEN PER UNIT

THEY'RE
NOT LISTED
AS A RELIGIOUS
ORGANIZATION,
SO THEY'RE
NOT EXEMPT
FROM TAXES.

PLUS,
POLARIS
PAYS TAXES
TO THE LOCAL
MUNICIPALITY
FOR ANY PROFIT
THEY EARN ON
THEIR LOCALLY
GROWN CROPS.

BUT,
IF THE
POPULATION
WERE TO
DECLINE...

THANKS
TO THAT, THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
HASN'T ABDONMED
HINAMIZAWA, AND
CONTINUES TO
PROVIDE INFRA-
STRUCTURE
MAINTENANCE.

WATER,
GAS,
ELECTRICITY,
ROADS...

ULTIMATELY,
THE VILLAGE
WOULD BE
ABANDONED
AND DIE
OUT.

SO IT
MAKES LESS
SENSE FOR THE
GOVERNMENT
TO INVEST
TAXPAYER
FUNDS
THERE.

...IN
OTHER
WORDS,

...

EXACTLY!
YOU
REALLY
GET IT,
SATOKO!

YOU'RE
NOT MIXING
UP BROCCOLI
AND CAULIFLOWER
AND FEEDING
THE WRONG ONE
TO SAKIKO-CHAN,
ARE YOU? YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT?



HOW
RUDE!
PLEASE DO
NOT MAKE A
FOOL OF
ME!



IT'S
BECAUSE OF
POLARIS'S
SUPPORT...

THAT
HINAMIZAWA
HAS BEEN
SPARED FROM
DESTRUCTION?



I THINK
WE OWE
POLARIS
A LITTLE
MORE
GRATITUDE.

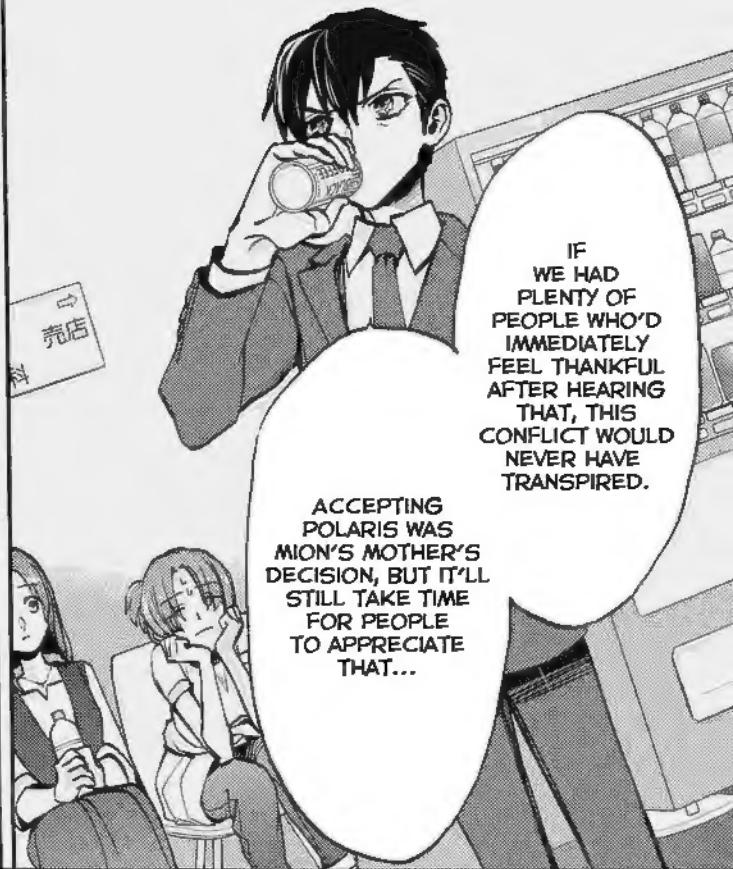
Hmmmm...

IF
POLARIS
DID GET
KICKED OUT...

SETTLING
DOWN AS
SUBSISTENCE
FARMERS IN
JAPAN TODAY, AND
ON THE SCALE
OF HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE, IT'S
COMPLETELY
IMPOSSIBLE!

AT
BEST THE
CLOSEST
THING IS
PEOPLE
TAKING UP
GARDENING
AS A HOBBY
AT THEIR
VACATION
HOMES...





...MAGIC
SILVER
BULLET THAT
CAN SOLVE
EVERYTHING
IN ONE FELL
SWOOP
LIKE THE
VILLAGERS
WANT.

THERE'S
NO...

IT'LL
PROBABLY
TAKE QUITE
A WHILE.

SIMILAR TO
HOW DIFFERENT
CULTURES
EVENTUALLY
MERGE INTO
ONE OVER A
LONG PERIOD
OF TIME...



COEXISTING
WITH PEOPLE
WHOM YOU
CAN'T GET
ALONG
WITH...

...MAYBE
THAT'S
THE NEW
CHALLENGE
OF THE
REWA
ERA.

ORIGINAL WORK: RYUKISH007
MANGA: KEI MATSUMI





CO-
EXISTENCE
WITH...

...PEOPLE
YOU CAN'T
GET ALONG
WITH....

AAAHH, WHAT AM I GONNA DO? IF SHE'S THIS CUTE, SHE'S PROBABLY GONNA HAVE WEIRD MEN FLOCKING TO HER IN THE FUTURE! LIKE BEES SWARMING A SUNFLOWER IN FULL BLOOM! BUT IT'S NOT HER FAULT SHE'S SOOO CUUUUTE~!

SHE'S ALREADY ABLE TO PULL HERSELF UP TO STAND~, SHE'S A PRODIGY! HER LEG MUSCLES ARE SO WELL DEVELOPED! AND HE'S GOT A STRONG TORSO! HER STANDING POSTURE OUTSHINES EVEN SUPER-MODELS!

YEEEP~/ I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF HER~!

SOON ENOUGH SHE'LL BE ABLE TO STAND UP ALL ON HER OWN, HUH?

NO, THANK YOU...

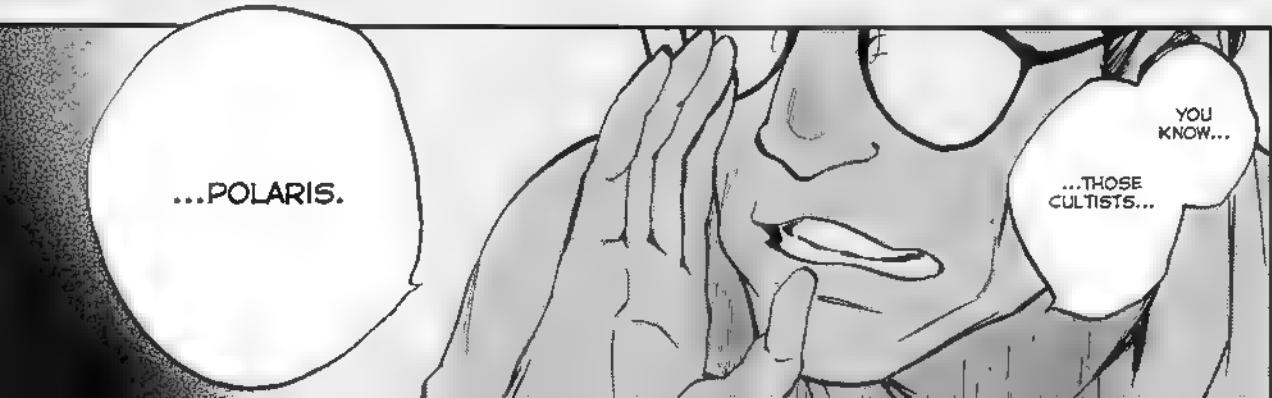
INDEEEED~, SHE'S SO CUTE! I BET A MAID OUTFIT WOULD SUIT HER NICELY! SHALL I LEND YOU ONE?!

I'VE BEEN FEELING LETHARGIC, AND I'VE GOT A FEVER THAT WON'T GO AWAY...

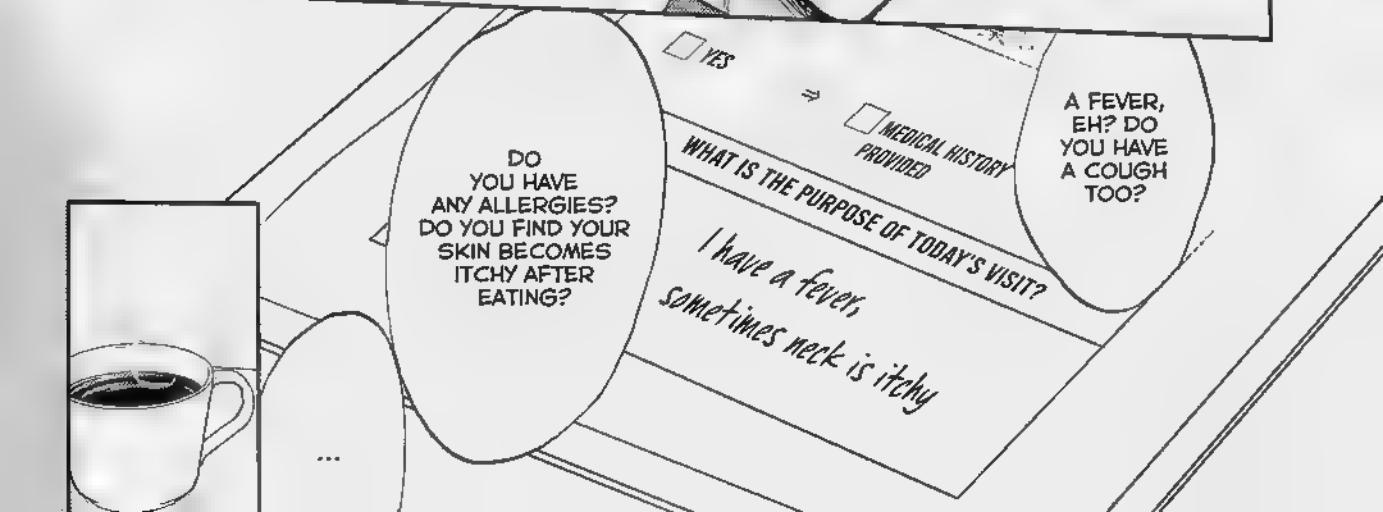
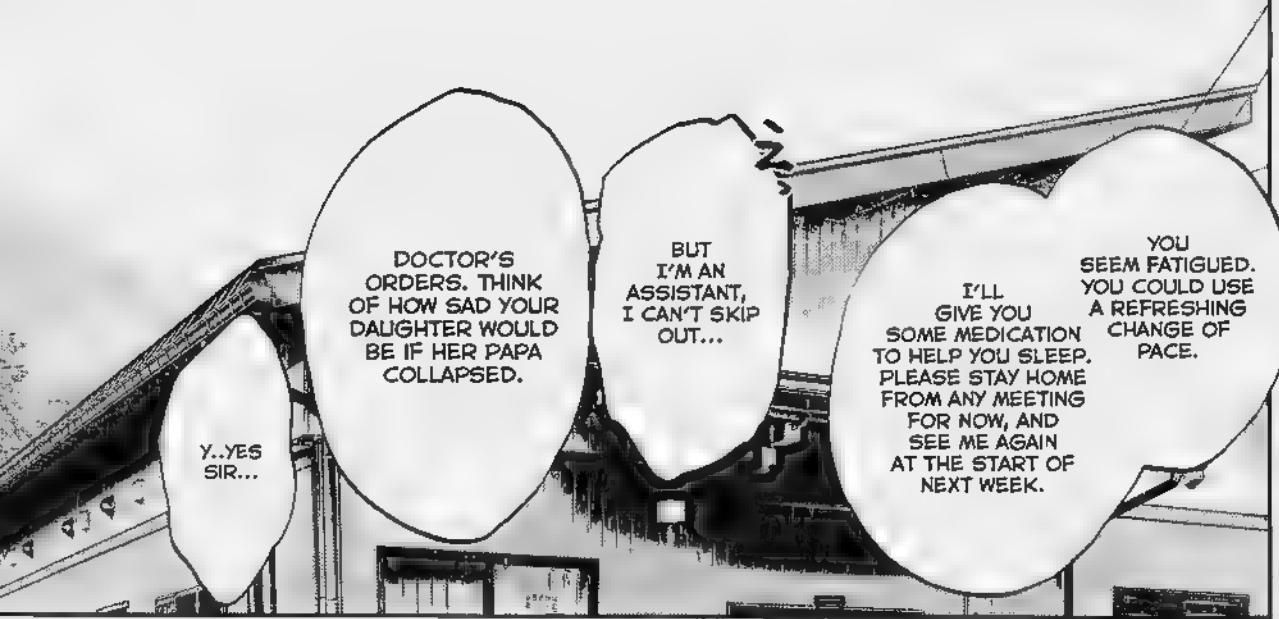
WELL...

WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE PROBLEM TODAY?

SO, ANYWAY...









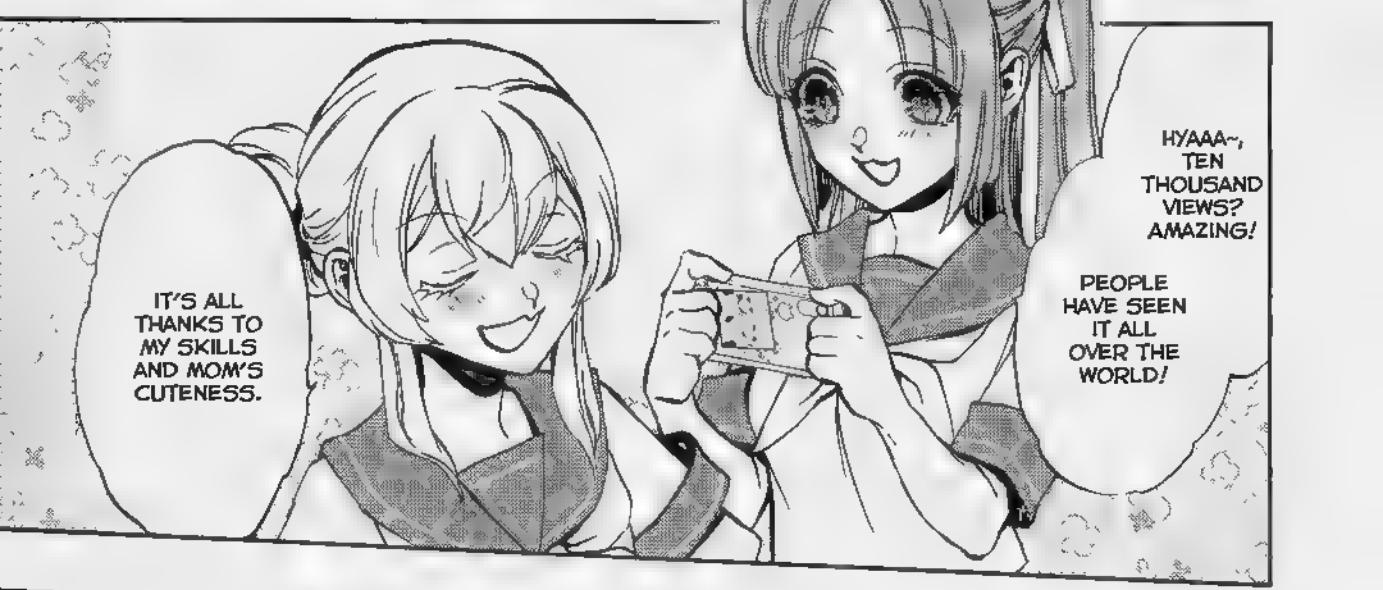


BE SURE
TO HIT THAT
LIKE BUTTON
AND SUBSCRIBE
TO OUR
CHANNEL!

[SUBSCRIBE HERE](#)

Smile
Shop
Channel

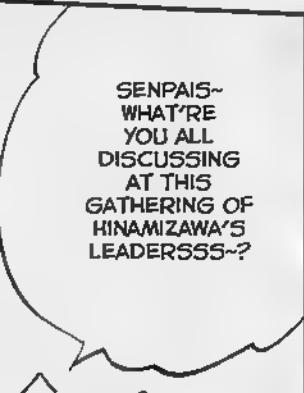
IF
YOU
ENJOY
OUR
CONTENT,



IT'S ALL
THANKS TO
MY SKILLS
AND MOM'S
CUTENESS.

HYAAA~,
TEN
THOUSAND
VIEWS?
AMAZING!

PEOPLE
HAVE SEEN
IT ALL
OVER THE
WORLD!



SENPAYS~
WHAT'RE
YOU ALL
DISCUSSING
AT THIS
GATHERING OF
HINAMIZAWA'S
LEADERSSS~?



SAKIKO,
MAKE ME
A CLUB
RECRUITMENT
VIDEO NEXT!



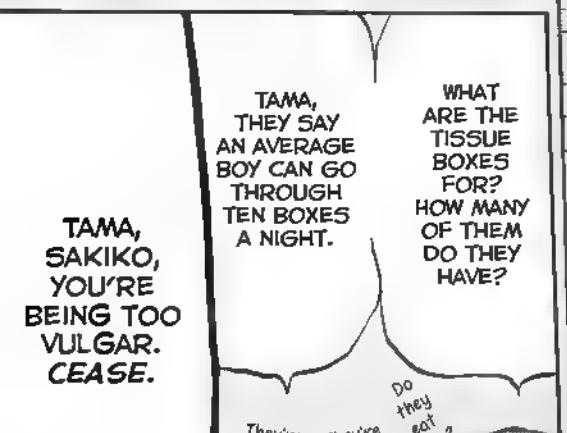
SAKIKO'S
LOVE
FOR HER
MOTHER IS
WORTH TEN
THOUSAND
APPLES.





LIKE HEELLLL!!!
I'LL USE INFINITE
CHEATS TO EXPOSE
YOUR MESSY
SOBBING FACE!
OR I'LL MAKE
YOU SUFFER THE
EMBARRASSING
PUNISHMENTS AUNT
MION'S GOT STOCKED
UUUUUP!!

IT'S
NO LIE.



TAMA,
THEY SAY
AN AVERAGE
BOY CAN GO
THROUGH
TEN BOXES
A NIGHT.

WHAT
ARE THE
TISSUE
BOXES
FOR?
HOW MANY
OF THEM
DO THEY
HAVE?

They're
apes. They're
not
goats.

TAMA,
SAKIKO,
YOU'RE
BEING TOO
VULGAR.
CEASE.



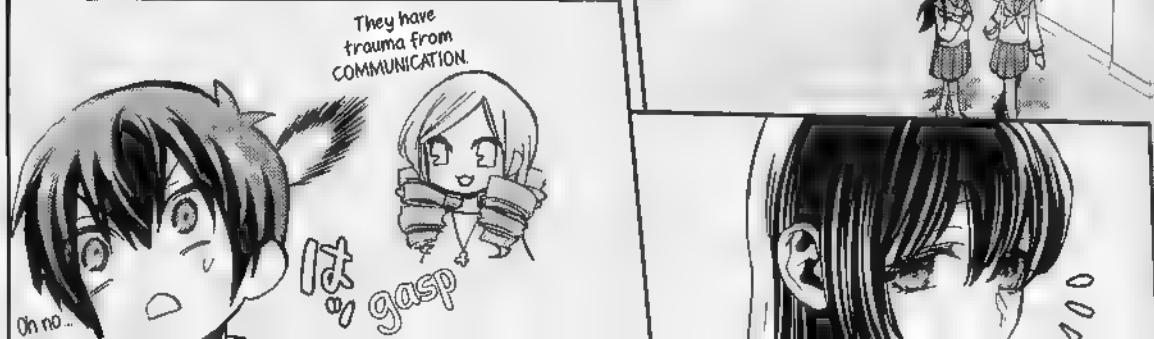
W... WOULD
MY SENPAIS
USE FOUL PLAY
TO MAKE KURURU
LOSE PUNISHMENT
GAMES, AND
FORCE HER
TO DO THIS
AND THAT?

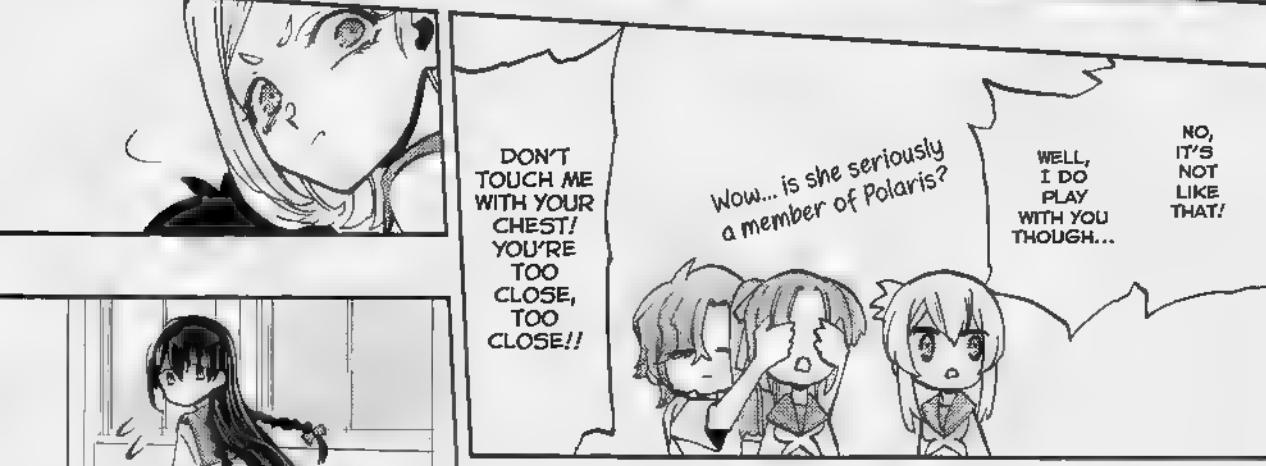


BWAH...?



YOU
HORNY APES--
JUST HOW MANY
TISSUE BOXES
DO YOU GO
THROUGH EVERY
NIGHTTT~?









NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
STAMINA I HAVE,
IT JUST ISN'T
ENOUGH TO
KEEP PLAYING
ALONG WITH
THE CLOYING
FAMILIARITY...

CAN'T
WAIT TO
GO HOME
AND PURIFY
MYSELF...



AND WHAT THE
HELL, KEITAROU
MAEBARA? WHY DO
YOU INSIST
ON BADGERING
INORI...?!



EEK...

WHAT ARE
THESE HINAM-
ZAWA PEOPLE
UP TO...?

TL: MAY OYASHIRO-
SAMA CURSE YOU
LEAVE, CULTISTS.

HOW
BARBARIC,
HOW DIS-
RESPECT-
FUL...

THOSE
HINAM-
ZAWA
PEOPLE
DID
THIS?

HOW
DREAD-
FUL...





TO
ENSURE
THEY
NEVER
LAY A
HAND ON
US AGAIN,
WE
MUST...

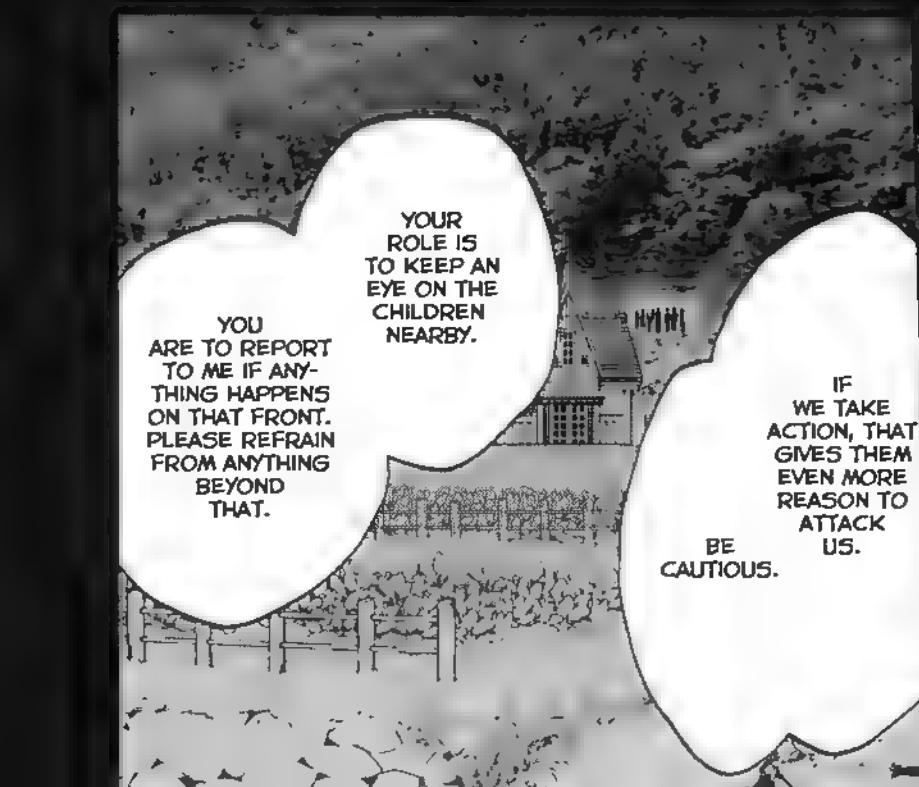
THERE'S
NO PROOF
THEY WERE
THE ONES
BEHIND
THIS.
PLUS...

WAIT,
MAPLACI-
DUS.

AND
NOW, THE
PEACE OF THAT
WORLD IS
UNDER
THREAT.

OUR
MISSION
AS THE
RING OF
STARS IS
TO PROTECT
OUR FAMILY.

THE ONLY
WORLD WE
CAN LIVE IN
IS ONE WHERE
OUR FAMILY
CAN JOIN
TOGETHER
AND SHARE
EACH OTHER'S
PAIN.



YOU
ARE TO REPORT
TO ME IF ANY-
THING HAPPENS
ON THAT FRONT.
PLEASE REFRAIN
FROM ANYTHING
BEYOND
THAT.

YOUR
ROLE IS
TO KEEP AN
EYE ON THE
CHILDREN
NEARBY.

BE
CAUTIOUS.

IF
WE TAKE
ACTION, THAT
GIVES THEM
EVEN MORE
REASON TO
ATTACK
US.



HAVE
YOU
FORGOTTEN
YOUR
OATH?





THAT'S
THE SAME
AS SAYING THAT
PERSON
LIVES IN MY
HEART...

CAN'T GO
THINKING I'M NOT
GOOD
ENOUGH!

NO...

NO/
NO...

SO
I'D...
...TELL EVEN
MORE AIRTIGHT
LIES...

ONLY THE
MOST UN-
FORTUNATE
MOTHER IN
THE WORLD
COULD HAVE
A CHILD
LIKE YOU.

...BERATED
ME EVEN WHEN
I WAS BEING
HONEST...

THERE'S
NO KID
...
THAN YOU
OUT THERE.

YOU REALLY
ARE A BAD
GIRL...

THAT
PER-
SON...

WHY DID
YOU LIE?

JUST LIKE YOUR
USELESS FATHER.

YOU'LL
NEVER BECOME
ANYTHING...

USELESS...

DEAD-
WEIGHT.

YOU'RE
GLOOMY
AND
OBSTRE.

FOUL, FILTHY,
AND UGLY...

HAH.

HAH.

HAH.

HAH.

DEEP
IN OUR
HEARTS,
POLARIS
IS ALWAYS
THERE.

OUR
WORLD IS
ONLY OUR
FAMILY JOINING
HANDS.

JUST LIKE
HOW PAPA
PROTECTS
EVERYBODY.

THE NEW,
STRONGER
ME WILL
PROTECT IT.

YOU
HAVE TO
DRIVE IT
AWAY...

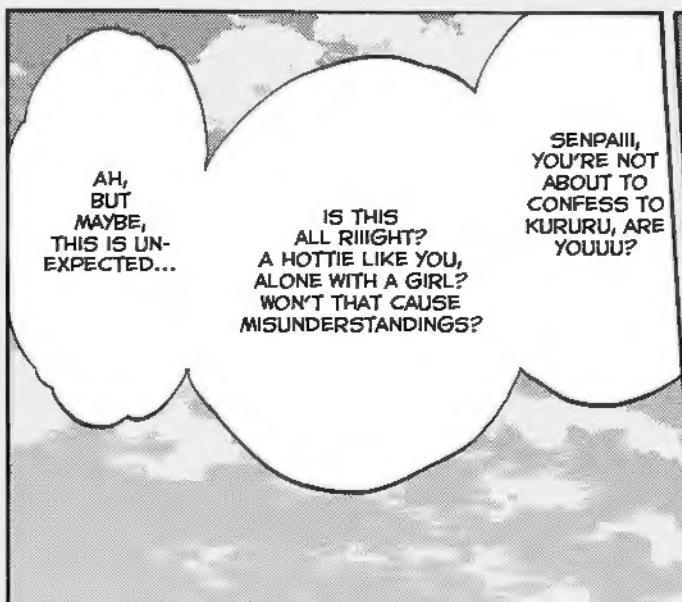
THE
ONE PLACE
THAT SETS
OUR HEARTS
AT EASE...

EEP?!

ISHIKI-
SAN...

THE ENEMIES
OF POLARIS
WILL BE SHOWN
NO MERCY...

step







I
NEED YOU
TO STOP
GETTING ANY
CLOSER...

...TO KEI-
TAROU...

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